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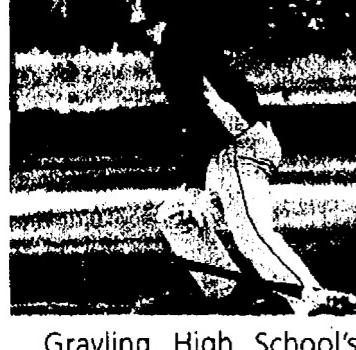
The Grayling Vikings improved their record in league play to 4-0 with two victories vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams during a varsity softball doubleheader on Tuesday night.

Grayling won 10-9 in the first game of the series.

Harbor Springs scored two runs in the top of the first inning with back-to-back solo home runs.

The Vikings scored one run in the bottom of the first inning. **Page 12**

Vikings sweep Hornets in baseball series at Harrison



Grayling High School's varsity baseball team swept the Harrison Hornets 6-1, 5-2 in a nonconference doubleheader played at Harrison High School on Thursday.

Levi Kornel was the winning pitcher for Grayling in game one, a 6-1 victory.

"Levi had a no-hitter going until the last batter, but gave up a hit before the batter was thrown out at second. He recorded nine strikeouts," Coach Bret Krabill said. **Page 13**

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School election date changed

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Along with selecting the United States President, voters in Michigan will also pick school board members and decide school funding proposals in November.

The Crawford AuSable School Board last week amended its board by-laws and school board membership rotation to comply with state law.

Public Act 233, which amended the Michigan Election Law, requires school board elections to be held in November in even numbered election years. For the last few years, school board elections have been held in May in odd numbered election years. Before that, school elections were held in June.

The change means the school board position held by Trustee Sandy Enos will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot for voters to decide. Although the election is being moved up one year, the term for the school board seat will remain at six years. Enos plans to run for reelection.

The school district will still have to pay its share of election costs.

Crawford AuSable School District Joe Powers said state lawmakers want to see more people participating at the polls.

"They want a greater voter turnout and that is why the legislature did this," Powers said.

Along with the school board seat, the Crawford AuSable School District's non-homestead property tax levy renewal will be on the ballot. The tax is collected from people who own second homes, businesses and vacation homeowners. The tax generates over \$500,000 per year to help fund the schools.

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Women dance the night away at Mom Prom

About 50 women had a ladies night out through the Mom Prom held at the Grayling Country Club on Saturday. Women were urged to pull out their old prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, wedding dresses or thrift store bargains and dance the night away to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The women raised \$1,370 at the Mom Prom to help battle cancer. Above, Mary Jo Oppy, a member of the Relay for Life Team Faith was the Mom Prom queen, while Brittani Ott, from Grayling, was the tackiest dressed for the fund-raiser.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling student wins California hunting trip

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Writing, hunting and spending time with family allowed a Grayling hunter to bag a trip of a lifetime.

Mallory Hatfield, the daughter of Cheryl and Todd Hatfield, won a writing contest sponsored by Outdoor Life Magazine. Outdoor Life is an outdoors magazine about hunting, fishing, survival and camping. It is a sister magazine of Field & Stream.

The contest, which was called "The Legacy Slam," had youth write an essay describing how hunting was an integral part of their family.

Mallory, age 12, and her sister, Courtney, age 14, submitted essays for the contest.

On the opening days of firearm deer hunting season, the Hatfield family is in the woods.

"Every year, on Nov. 15-16, we always leave those days open so we can go hunting," Mallory said.

Last fall, Mallory bagged a spike horn buck on the second day of deer hunting season. It was the first time she was able to hunt for deer under Michigan's new Mentored Youth Hunting program. The program is designed to introduce youth under the age of 10 to hunting and fishing.

In May, the family heads out to hunt wild turkeys on as many weekdays and weekends they can.

Hunting allows Mallory to bond with her father.

"I like it because it gives me and my dad special time, just me and him," she said.

Mallory also enjoys looking at hunting photographs of her dad, Grandpa Ernie Hatfield, and Great-Grandpa Orval Hatfield, which she described in her winning essay.

It took Mallory a couple days to write and review her essay, which was submitted to Outdoor Life in December.

"I like getting to say what I think, using my imagination and when I know what to write," she said.

Bret Krabill, a sixth grader language arts

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Mallory Hatfield, age 6, won Outdoor Life Magazine's "The Legacy Slam," contest, which had youth write an essay describing how hunting was an integral part of their family. Hatfield, a Grayling Middle School sixth grader, was one of 3,000 youngsters who submitted an essay for the contest. Above, Hatfield is pictured in a camouflage hoodie from Cabela's, which is part of her \$1,000 in clothing and boots she received from the outdoor outfitter for winning the writing contest.

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Crawford AuSable School District Sixth Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Crawford AuSable School District will host its sixth Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sunday, May 6th at 2 p.m. in the Joseph H. Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The program was developed to honor graduates who have achieved significant success in their careers and to motivate students to set high goals for their own futures.

Since the Alumni Hall of Fame was started in 2004, 64 graduates have been inducted, and this year six more will be added. New inductees include: William Brozo (1972), Joe Elenbaas (1972), Don Elsey (1971), Calvin "Rusty" Gates (1973), Edward Hartwick (1888) and William Weideman (1972).

Michael Delp, a GHS instructor from 1971 to 1984 and now a creative writing instructor at Interlochen Arts Academy, will be the keynote speaker.

To be inducted into the CASD Alumni Hall of Fame, graduates must have achieved one or more of the following: an advanced degree; a significant life achievement, honor or award; or a significant contribution toward improving the lives of others.

"We are proud of our graduates, and our goal is to fill the walls at Grayling High School with graduates who are inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame," said Joe Powers, CASD superintendent. "Following the awards ceremony, inductees' pictures will be added to the beautiful Alumni Hall of Fame display at the high school. We would like to invite you to join us to honor another group of amazing Crawford AuSable graduates."

If you would like to nominate an alumnus for the 2014 ceremony, please come in to the school board office for an application, or check our website at www.casd.k12.net (click on the Alumni Hall of Fame link) for further information.



Property owners, local officials say procedure to project a flood is a dud

by Dah Sanderson
Staff Writer

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Adopting the flood plain maps, which covers what is commonly called a 100-year flood, has some Crawford County land owners crying foul.

Julie Clay, who owns a home on the AuSable River, said proper notification and an appeals process were not given to property owners.

"We wouldn't have got as far as we did because people would have been more proactive," Clay said.

In the area where Clay lives, the waters of the AuSable River would have to rise 30 to 50 feet to flood homes. The flood plain maps extend well beyond their homes covering the roads, which lead into the area.

"If we're going to build a flood, let's build an ark,"



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Above, property on the AuSable River, which barley covers the vegetation and sandbars, is included in the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Clay said.

Crawford County has been designated with the highest risk for floods,

which in the same rating given to the Gulf States where flooding often occurs due to hurricanes.

"We're 1,200 feet above sea level and we're on a sandpit," Clay said.

Sandra Knight, a deputy associate administrator for mitigation for FEMA, said since base flood elevations were not established for Crawford County, there was no regulatory appeal period for property owners.

Knight, however, said that a meeting was held with local officials and an open house was held with the public.

Two areas of concern were raised by local officials, and FEMA revised the maps last August.

Data to establish the flood plain maps was obtained from Intermap, a Denver based company. The maps were based on the use of topographic information.

Crawford County and township officials went to bat for homeowners, especially those considered to be in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

"Due to scale limitations, FEMA cannot detect every rise in terrain and some

areas of high ground may be included in Special Flood Hazard Areas," Knight said.

Knight said projected data is the only way FEMA can establish the flood plain maps for a 100-year flood.

"Because a flood of this size occurs at irregular intervals, it is not possible to base the delineation of flood zones on the lack of flooding occurrences in recent memory," "Rather, FEMA's engineering studies develop a long-term projection of flood risk."

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said local officials remain puzzled on how the maps were adopted without the lack of local input.

He said only four county residents attended the FEMA open house last year.

"I wish we had the answer to that because this has been crammed down our throat,"

Stephenson said of the implementation of the maps. "This, as far I'm concerned, was a done deal."

Now, property owners have only two options of recourse.

They can enter into the National Flood Insurance Program, which

offered flood insurance through FEMA. Property owners can also have their land surveyed to obtain a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).

Clay and neighboring property owners had their property surveyed last week.

"I've got better things to spend my money on, believe me," Clay said.

Clay's neighbor, Don Maciuk, believes requiring the stringent flood insurance requirements will impact the sale of homes and property values.

"It's going to be a financial hardship and I can see more homes going into foreclosure," Maciuk said.

Marvin Myers, a surveyor from Rowe Professional Services which has a branch office in Grayling, said a LOMA is given a hard look by federal officials.

"They scrutinize your determination very carefully and how you developed that," Myers said.

Meyers was at the Grayling Charter Township Board's regular monthly meeting last week, when two resolutions were passed and an ordinance was changed allowing township residents to purchase flood insurance.

Prior to the implementation of the flood plain maps, Myers said few property owners requested flood surveys prior to construction.

Areas, such as around Houghton Lake in Roscommon County where homes and roads often flood, would require flood insurance, Myers said.

"The only thing you can do there is elevate the house," Myers said.

Knight said buying flood insurance should be considered by all property owners who live near water even if they can prove their property is not in a flood plain.

"Even if the designation has been established, it does mean the risk of flooding has been eliminated," she said.

"Flooding also occurs in areas designated as moderate or minimal flood risk zones. Therefore, FEMA recommends flood insurance coverage, even if it is not required by law or a lender."

Clay said Crawford County property owners should not rule out mounting a class-action lawsuit against FEMA based on their Constitutional property rights. Provisions in the National Flood Insurance Act require the federal government to reimburse survey costs for property owners considered to be in a flood plain.

"It's very frustrating when this is going on with your property and you have no say," Clay said.

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Mallory Hatfield's Outdoor Life magazine's winning essay

Please describe your favorite hunting experience in 150 words or less:

This year I got to hunt deer for the first time and we were sitting in a blind behind my grandpa's house and on the second day I shot a spike horn. I was hunting with my dad and grandpa and the first day we did not see much - a few does and fawns and a coyote. Then the next night we were sitting in the blind and out came this spike and my dad handed me the gun and told me to get ready. I got the gun up and saw the deer but had to wait for a good shot. Finally the deer moved and I shot and it fell right there. I was so happy and excited my heart was beating real fast the whole time but dad says this is normal when

you are hunting and see the animal you want to shoot.

This contest is intended to celebrate the tradition of hunting between generations. In 250 words please describe an experience in which you introduced hunting to a member of your family or were taken hunting for the first time by a family member.

My dad has always hunted and when I was younger he got me a bow and a BB gun. He would always take me out and let me shoot with him. Then when hunting season came he would take me hunting with him and even let me take my bow or gun just like he did. When I got old enough to hunt on my own he was always there for me and helped me all the time. I got

my first turkey and deer when I was 11 years old. I love hunting and fishing and going in the woods with my dad and grandpa. Some of the kids pick on me because I am a girl and like to do these things but that's OK. If they knew how fun it was they would be doing it too. I even have my hunting clothes and calls now and got new under armor for Christmas. I love getting new hunting stuff. I also like looking at dad's old pictures. He even has some of grandpa as a kid hunting with his dad. Grandpa looks a little funny. He still wears the old red wool plaid clothes. Dad says he will never change and will always wear that outfit. Dad says I am a good shot and a good hunter. I plan on doing it for a long time.

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Grayling student wins California hunting trip

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and math teacher at the Grayling Middle School, said Mallory's excitement about hunting came through clear in her writing.

"She is very detail oriented," Krabill said. "When she has a subject matter that she knows a lot about, she does a good job putting the detail in her writing and puts forth the effort that makes a strong writing piece."

Winning the contest means Mallory and Todd with travel to the historic Tejohn Ranch in California, which is the largest contiguous expanse of private land in the state with 422 acres. They will go on the trip this weekend, April 26-29.

Located about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, Tejohn Ranch was founded in 1843 by Gen. Edward Fitzgerald Beale, a historic figure in early California.

While on the hunt,

Mallory and Todd will hunt for turkey, hogs and varmints. In addition to winning the trip, Mallory will receive six guns and a \$1,000 worth of clothing and boots from Cabela's.

Mallory is looking forward to her first hunting trip outside of the community.

"I've never got to go on these kind of trips before," she said. "I've only hunted in Grayling."

Krabill, who is an avid hunter, is tickled that Mallory used her writing skills learned in the classroom and real world experiences to win the contest.

"Because of that, she's winning an experience that most people would love to have and she's getting it because of writing and for a sixth grader, that's pretty impressive," Krabill said.

Todd was informed that Mallory was a finalist in the essay contest and a week

later, learned she was the winner while she was on spring break.

"I was quite impressed," Todd said. "I thought it was like winning the lottery."

Amanda McNally, spokeswoman for Outdoor Life, said 3,000 entries were submitted for "The Legacy Slam," which is one of the more popular contests for the magazine.

McNally said the staff was quite impressed with Mallory's essay.

"They're really looking forward to meeting her and her dad and showing them a good time," McNally said. "We're really glad that the hunting tradition is being passed down in Mallory's family and are looking forward to seeing that out in the field."

A video of the hunting outing will be on Outdoor Life's website around the end of May or the first part

of June, McNally said.

Krabill said Mallory returned to school after spring break and was just as excited as she was last fall after she shot the buck as she told him about the winning contest.

"It was about all I could do not to jump up and down with her," Krabill said.

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School election date changed

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Powers said school officials are concerned with having the tax measure on the ballot during a presidential election year along with other proposals that may be on the ballot.

"I think the legislature is

trying to do way too much as far as schools," Powers said. "It would be nice if they let the local community control the schools like they used to."

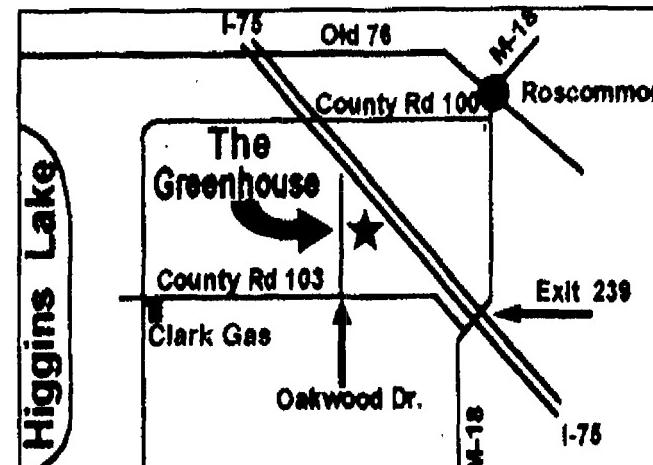
In addition to changing the date of the school election, Powers said the school

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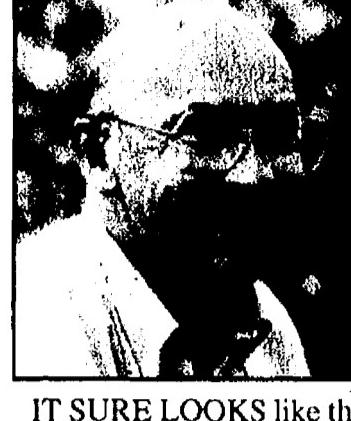
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

More business tax cuts headed our way

IT SURE LOOKS like the legislative skids are greased for even more tax cuts to be shoveled off to Michigan businesses in the near future.

Republican leadership in the state House has signaled the fast track for a batch of bills to reduce the personal property tax.

Michigan businesses would be the main beneficiary. Local governments would suffer the ills.

According to a description of the tax package in a recent *Associated Press* report, tax exemption starting in 2013 "would be given to businesses and industrial and commercial personal property with a taxable value less than \$40,000," and eliminating the tax for 75 percent of industrial and commercial tax payers.

The relief for businesses would add up to about \$470 million per year. That's on top of the \$1.8 billion per year in lowered taxes businesses pay the state as result of business tax law overhaul at the beginning of Gov.

Rick Snyder's administration 16 months ago.

This time, however, the direct dollar cost of business tax relief comes from local units of government, not from the state.

Personal property taxes are levied and collected by local government collection units, just as taxes on real estate are, and the money stays local to help pay for local programs.

The new state package includes no repayment plan to cities, townships, libraries and schools for any lost dollars.

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GOV. SNYDER IS solidly behind removing the personal property tax on business, citing the same rallying cry behind both the original Snyder business tax relief and the current assault on the personal property tax:

Lower taxes will help create new Michigan jobs, which will stimulate the Michigan economy, which will provide higher personal income and an improving standard of living, which

will result in higher state revenue from both businesses and individuals as everything else falls into place.

In the meantime, tax spenders must continue to cinch in their belts. Cutting state support for local governments and programs has been one of the Snyder administration's primary routes to successfully balance the state budget for the last two years.

Money from personal property taxes now goes directly to cities, townships, libraries, schools and other local governments on business and industrial property located within their jurisdictions.

For many local jurisdictions, revenue from the personal property tax is significant and its loss will be equally significant.

The Snyder tax proposals contain no guaranteed ways to replace money and services lost to local governments, and their leaders are vocal about their fears.

State aid to local programs has been cut by \$4.2

billion during the last 10 years, according to the Michigan Municipal League (MML), which in turn has brought reductions in police and fire services, park maintenance and personnel; local schools are getting 3 percent less from the state than they did 10 years ago, which has brought teacher layoffs, closed buildings, and higher student fees, according to the *Associated Press* story.

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TO PROTECT local government from the vagaries of future legislatures, the Municipal League has proposed a constitutional amendment requiring the state to replace money lost to local units through removal of the local tax on business equipment.

The fears of local governments are justified by the uneven handling of state-local financing over the years. Funding promised by state law can be and has been adjusted by the legislature at will, while funding guaranteed by the constitution can be changed only by

another popular statewide vote.

Similar amendments pushed by special interest groups – and in this case local government organizations are special interest groups, as are business groups pushing either for or against these changes – often aim to solve an immediate problem by restricting how state government can operate; but in the long run, many of these same amendments, approved at one time, hamper good government operations at another time.

For example, the so-called Headlee Amendment was approved in 1978 to establish limits on taxes imposed by the legislature and units of local government, but may well have outlived its usefulness. After 34 years of recurring financial crises, the only way to get rid of Headlee restrictions is another constitutional amendment.

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STIRRING IDLE thoughts about taxes and

benefits into the mythical Almanack caldron, a couple of wandering ideas rose to the top:

- If relieving a tax on \$40,000 worth of manufacturing equipment is going to be the tipping point on whether a potential job producer locates in Michigan, I'm not sure it would provide the kind of job which would help alleviate the woes that challenge our state's economy.

- In the old days, unions identified their bargaining position in three words: "More! More! More!" meaning higher wages, more vacation time, more job perks of all kinds. Today the position of business "bargaining" with government seems also to be identified in three words: "Less! Less! Less!" meaning less taxes, less taxes, less taxes.

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Letters to the Editor

Shocked to find all decorations at gravesite gone

To the editor:

Today my family and I received one of the worst shocks a surviving wife and child can get.

My daughter and I have spent the last week fixing my husband's grave for the summer. We used a cross that was next to my husband's casket and decorated it with his picture and silk flowers, red, white and blue because he was a Veteran. We put his picture on the cross next to his grave for our special needs granddaughter, so she can relate to and visit her grandpa's grave and give her a better understanding of where he is.

Our granddaughter comes from out of town so I stopped by tonight to double check that everything was ready for her visit, and was absolutely shocked to find all of his decorations gone. Even the flowers in the vase which is attached

to the gravestone were gone.

We do not understand, as everything was fresh and new for spring and summer. It was very obvious they were not winter decorations.

What happened to all the flowers and to my husband's picture? Is my husband's picture at the bottom of some trash can or the land fill? What will I say to my precious granddaughter?

If there is a certain procedure to putting things on our loved ones gravesite, I would think for those who are not familiar with those rules, because we just lost our loved one recently, there would be a much better way of notifying the public or at least if it looks new, put those decorations behind the building to give us a chance to retrieve them.

Ruth A. Hart
and children

Great night out

To the editor:

The "Men Who Cook" event makes for a most enjoyable evening. Hats off to whoever started this unique and popular happening.

However, it could stand a little tweaking. Last year there were 11 chefs, all preparing their speciality. Now I ask you, who can eat 11 different types of food at one setting? Not to mention, there is not enough room on a dinner plate to put all the food on.

The bigger problem yet is that a lot of good food is wasted because some people will simply not eat some types of food and others may even be allergic to certain foods.

There is a simple solution. First, print a program featuring each chef and a description of the food that he has prepared. This will give us attending, while waiting for our turn in the food line something to look at, plan, talk about to others and decide what we want on

our plate.

Second, print a menu listing each dish and chef with a number. Then going through the line you could pass on items you had decided you simply did not want, and if put on your plate would be wasted.

Also, voting for your favorite chef and dish you like the best would be easier if done by numbers. However it is done, I will be there.

Harry Wojeik
Grayling

Sad to know that donation canisters around town have been stolen

To the editor:

I am sure many of you have noticed donations containers at check outs/cash registers, in some of our businesses around town. The ones you can place your change in if you want to, to help different people and places. I know I have done this and it has made me feel good helping in this way and every penny does help and is very much

appreciated.

Your change has helped the Museum survive with some of their maintenance and The Baby to Toddler Closet has been able to purchase items they could not otherwise purchase. The Guys against Cancer boxes money goes to technology to cure cancer and there are many more donation containers that I have not named.

Recently the three I have named above had one each of their containers stolen from businesses in Grayling. Maybe there have been more. I only know of these three.

It makes me very sad this happened, because of our economy this was one way people could give and feel good.

Rose Mary Nelson
Grayling

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News Items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on

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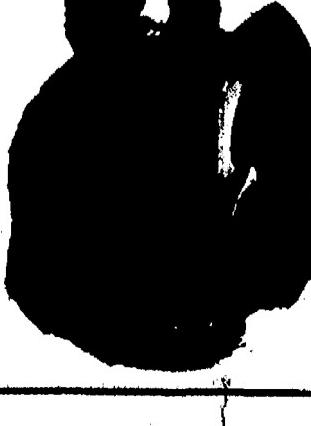
Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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Briefs

National Take Back Day to be held

Got Drugs? National Take Back Day will be held on April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area law enforcement from the Crawford County Sheriff Department will be participating, 200 W. Michigan Ave.

National Day of Prayer to be held

The 61st observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 3. The event will be in front of the Crawford County Court House at noon. This year's theme is "One Nation Under God." The event is open to everyone in the community.

Blood Drive to be held

A Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, May 2, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on its Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Federal curb of animal antibiotic meant to protect human health

by Jennifer Kalish
Capital News Service

LANSING — For the first time, federal authorities are banning an antibiotic in livestock because of fears that some human diseases are becoming resistant to it.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ban on cephalosporin will apply only to uses not specified by the drug's label.

"Most antibiotics were developed for use in humans in the first place," said Steve Halstead, the state veterinarian at the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Many have other uses not stated on their labels, often due to a lack of research funding to ensure the safety of those uses.

Cephalosporin is most commonly used to treat human infections of the skin, respiratory tract and urinary tract. It is also used on cattle, swine and poultry to promote growth by killing internal bacteria.

However, the drug is more commonly used to treat infections in dogs and cats than in food-producing animals. Because of its widespread use in veterinary offices, the ban won't apply to pets.

The FDA said the ban is intended to preserve the drug's effectiveness on people.

But Murray Borrello, director of the environmental studies program at Alma College, said the FDA should have gone further.

"The ban of cephalosporin is probably a good start in my opinion, but it's not nearly as far as we need to go," said Borrello, who researches the prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria around industrial farms near Alma.

He's found more bacteria in the air around industrial farms that are resistant to the antibiotic tetracycline than in areas further from them.

The constant addition of antibiotics to the feed of

Turkey hunt for veterans slated

A veteran's turkey hunt will be held on May 14 and 21, at the Michigan National Guard's Fort Custer Training Center.

The goal of the event, which is hosted by the National Turkey Federation and the Michigan National Guard, is to allow special needs veterans to experience the joys of hunting.

The event will bring veterans and guides together that represent various military and local community agencies. The hunt will allow the veterans to spend the day at Fort Custer with a guide who will assist them with any needs during the hunt.

"This hunt is a way for us to give back to the veter-

ans who have given their all to their country," said Jason Allen, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "This event is an ongoing effort to show our respect for our service members past and present."

The event will also be open to the public on both days and can accommodate up to 20 people on both days.

Special needs veterans interested in applying to participate in this event can contact Jonathan Edgerly, event coordinator from the Turkeyville Tom's Chapter of the National Turkey Federation, at (269) 731-6571 to sign up.

Library News

Fly tying, fish tales, food and fun are just some of the highlights of this year's "Trout Opener Gala" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Celebrate with us and meet some of the greatest fishermen in the world...or so they say!

Project Healing Waters will be featured with local coordinator Victor Edwards delivering our keynote speech. Jerry Regan (expert on historical flies from Grayling) will be on hand along with local skilled fly tyers Sam Surre, Joe Smock and Jess Fairbotham. Join us for music by Derek Boik, delicious food and last but not least, members from the

Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited. For additional information contact Jane at 989-348-9214.

The Genealogy Group meets every Monday at Devereaux Memorial Library from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Join "Story Hour" at Devereaux Memorial Library each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-9214 for more details.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 85 complaints the week of April 16 - April 22.

Seventeen general non-criminal complaints, one hazardous-spill-leak-power line, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one aggravated assault non-family-strong arm, three burglaries/home invasions, one larceny, one larceny-other, one drug/narcotic violations, one obstruct criminal investigation, one obstruct justice-violation/preliminary investigation, four disorderly conduct complaints, two public peace/disorderly complaints, one anarchism, two operating with blood alcohol of 17 percent or

more complaints, one operating with the presence of drugs, one conservation complaint, four miscellaneous arrests, five traffic accidents, three hazardous conditions, one inspection-property, eight investigations-family trouble, 14 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, four driving on revoked/suspended license complaints and two reckless driving complaints.

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The Bible Speaks

Unity from Holy Scriptures

One of God's perfect attributes is unity. God's Word is the source of Christian unity in His church. The result of this unity is likemindedness in Romans 15:5: "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus. The context for Christian Unity was revealed in the previous verse: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Therefore, the God who guides us in learning, patience, comfort and hope through His Holy Scriptures also produces in us as Bible-believers a unity of faith.

There is confusion in unity today as God's Word is being abandoned, and in its place unity is being sought through ecumenical or organizational movements like the National or World Council of Churches. These organizations seek to expand their unity even to include other world religions, or idolatry. The Bible establishes one religious organization, the local New Testament church. Another confusion in unity today is Charismatic unity based upon a shared religious experience. For one to interpret the Bible through religious experience would be like a scientist trying to examine a microscope by looking through a bug.

The God of the Bible is the wellspring of Christian unity. "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus." The unity of likemindedness comes from learning and trusting God's Holy Word in His Scriptures, and God's

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Obituaries



Melvin Nielson

Melvin K. Nielson, 90, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 22, 2012 from complications resulting from pulmonary fibrosis and diabetes at The Grand Traverse Pavilions surrounded by his family.

Melvin was born on March 31, 1922 in Grayling, to the late Otto and Mollie (Anderson) Nielson.

He graduated from Grayling High School and worked at the Grayling State Bank before entering the Army to serve his country during WWII in Europe. Upon his return, he attended the Lansing and Detroit Business Colleges.

He married Ruth E. Hodgins on April 27, 1946 in Detroit and they later moved to Grayling.

Melvin owned the Grayling Insurance Agency and later was President of North Michigan Land and Oil Corporation where he pursued oil and natural gas exploration. Melvin was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, and the Grayling Country Club. He was Treasurer and taught Sunday school at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church where he was a member.

In the year 1986 the family moved to Traverse City and began Generations Management LLC. In 2010, Melvin was honored to be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame at his High School in Grayling.

He was an avid golfer. Well into his 80's Melvin was often included by his grandchildren in a charity scrambles match. If he could not out drive them, he could usually putt them! A biography of Melvin's life, "Man from Grayling, The Life and Times of Melvin K. Nielson" is available in several northern Michigan libraries and is in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Weldon Nielson.

Surviving Melvin is his wife; Ruth; children; David (Rebecca) Nielson, Steven Nielson and Dale (Barbara) Nielson; three grandchildren: Dana (Jonathan) Crosby, Cori Nielson and

Keith (Kirstin) Nielson; and six great-grandchildren; Emma and Jonathan Maximus Crosby, Olivia, Tyler, Anna, and Ella Nielson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Reynolds Jonkhoff funeral home with a visitation held one hour prior.

Burial will take place at the Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Pavilions or Faith Reformed Church. Please sign Melvin's online guest book at www.reynoldsd-jonkhoff.com.

Donald A. Bancroft

Donald Allen Bancroft, 72, of Grayling, passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

No public services will be held.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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In Memory of Betty Helsel

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Births

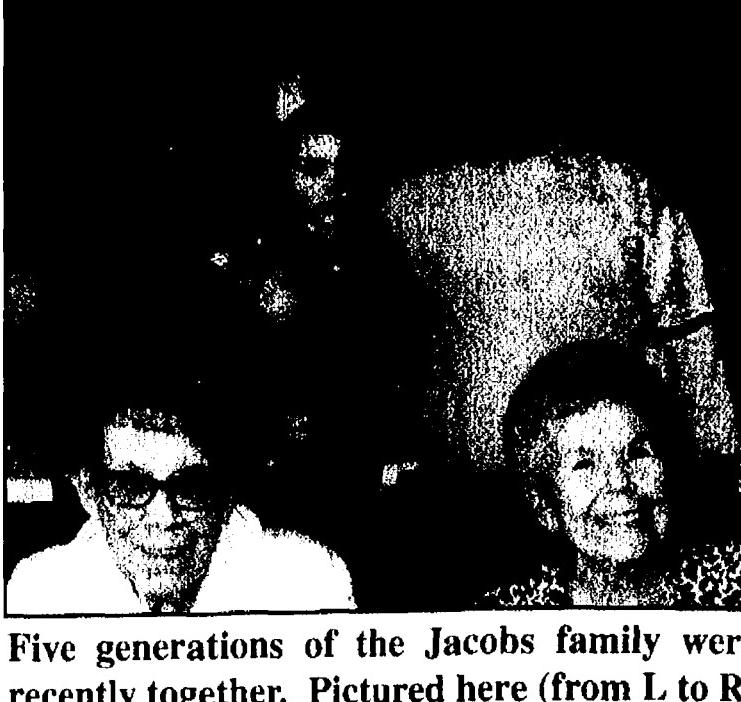
Brittany Cannoy and Casey Darling, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Isabelle Kaye-Ann, born born at Mercy Hospital on April 14, 2012 at 3:30 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 18 1/2 inches length.

Briea and Tim Riley of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Grace, born born at Mercy Hospital on April 16, 2012 at 6:49 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches length.

Macie and Dale Mayhew, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Bentlee Thomas, born born at Otsego Memorial Hospital on April 9, 2012 at 4:44 a.m., weighing 10 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 22 3/4 inches length. His sisters are Lillyenne, age 3 and Sophie, 1 year. Grandparents are Scott and Michelle Wakeley of Grayling, Jo Mayhew of Grayling and Dale Noon of Detroit.

The great-grandparents are Terry and Carol Wakeley of Grayling, Barbara Hatfield of Gainsville, Fla., Donna and Walter Motte of Detroit and Doug and Kathleen Yancer of Midland.

Five Generations



Five generations of the Jacobs family were recently together. Pictured here (from L to R) (back row) mom, Shantina Jacobs holding baby, Sophia Hatfield; grandpa, Mark Jacobs; (front row) great-grandma, Glenda Jacobs; and great-great-grandma, Inez Duncan.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period May 2-9 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, May 3-5 and 7-9.

In addition, the following roads will be closed May 3-4: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 27 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and an apple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, April 30 -

Honors

Baker College

Baker College of Owosso, announced that Bradley Osentoski of Roscommon, was named to the Dean's List for the Winter Quarter 2012.

Alex Gabriel, a GHS

Lunch - baked ham, sweet potatoes, Prince Charles vegetables and sliced apples. Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans and watermelon. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

To my clients and friends,

due to family health issues, Diane's Hair Designs will close on Tuesday, April 17.

It has been a pleasure being your stylist. I am referring everyone to Lennie Wargo at the Hair Station, 348-7557. She will have all your information.

Thank you for your years of loyalty and friendship. God Bless.

Diane

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Card of Thanks

Thank you to the owners of Spike's for the much needed personal products donation during the GPA Pictionary Olympics, Friday, April 20, 2012.

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More songbirds found with high mercury levels

by Sam Inglot

Capital News Service

LANSING — Scientists are finding more Great Lakes birds with high levels of mercury in them.

A recent report by the Biodiversity Research Institute says the increased levels are found particularly in songbirds that rely on insects for food.

Aquatic birds still face the greatest risk for mercury exposure, said Joe Kaplan, a researcher with Common Coast Research & Conservation, a nonprofit loon research group based in Hancock.

Two factors impact how mercury affects a bird, he said: the amount of mercury it's exposed to and the bird's sensitivity to the metal.

Loons will always be exposed to more mercury than songbirds because of their fish diet, Kaplan said.

However, loons have a low sensitivity to mercury compared to their woodland-dwelling counterparts.

Until recently, mercury contamination was seen as a

problem for water-dwelling birds with fish-based diets. Studies of mercury in loons have been done for decades.

In Michigan, bald eagles, common loons and trumpeter swans are the only birds routinely tested for metals like mercury, lead and selenium, said Tom Cooley, a wildlife biologist at the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Disease Laboratory.

Swans, Cooley said, are exposed to mercury because they nose around in the bottom sediments of lakes and rivers looking for aquatic plants to munch on.

Using a fluoroscope, or as Cooley calls it, "a poor man's X-ray," biologists scan the livers of dead birds that have been brought into the laboratory.

The aim, he said, is to determine what kind of adverse effects or behavioral changes the metals may induce in the birds.

Songbirds have not been heavily studied for mercury exposure, said Allyson Jackson, manager of the for-

est bird program at the Biodiversity Research Institute. The Maine-based organization researches emerging threats to wildlife and ecosystems.

Higher levels of mercury can cause brain damage, she said. And at low levels there tends to be a decline in reproductive success.

Kaplan said the reason songbirds have elevated exposure could be that they eat insects associated with aquatic environments. And unlike loons, they may be unable to release the mercury through their feathers.

Loons get rid of mercury through their feathers, like humans do through their hair. But for birds with high sensitivity, he said, that's probably not the case.

Mercury can be particularly harmful when birds migrate because migration is the most physically demanding time in a bird's life, Kaplan said.

The study said migration accounts for nearly 75 percent of annual mortality rates among some songbirds.

Feathers stop growing during this time, and birds must complete a migration before they can molt and release some of the mercury.

Depending on species sensitivity, that's when most problems occur.

The institute said research into the problems of songbirds with high levels of mercury is an on-going process.

Great Lakes bird species vary in the degree of sensitivity to mercury.

High Sensitivity - American kestrel, white ibis, snowy egret, osprey tricolored heron.

Moderate Sensitivity - clapper rail, tree swallow, common grackle, ring-necked pheasant, royal tern, sandhill crane, Anhinga brown pelican, Canada goose

Low Sensitivity - Hooded merganser, laughing gull, lesser scaup, common loon, mallard, double-crested cormorant

Source: Biodiversity Research Institute

Organ trafficking raises concerns amid donor shortage

by Jennifer Chen

Capital News Service

LANSING — Organ trafficking is an illegal but thriving trade in the world, according to Monir Moniruzzaman, a Michigan State University anthropologist.

He retells the story he heard from Dildar, a 32-year-old Bangladeshi who sold one of his kidneys. "When a fox catches a chicken, the little one cries. I was the chicken and the buyer was the fox. On the day of the operation, I felt like a sacrificial cow purchased for slaughtering."

For a year-long research project, Moniruzzaman hired an organ broker as an informant and an organ seller as a research assistant. They helped him interview 33 kidney sellers in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, in 2005.

"Their activities frequently go unrecorded and remain concealed due to illegality," he said.

Poverty forced those people to sell their body parts, he said.

He said buyers promised that operations are 100 percent safe and would be performed by world-renowned specialists.

The sellers also were promised receive "huge money," about \$1,300 for one kidney. In fact, they received only at most \$300.

"Organ selling is illegal in every country in the world," Moniruzzaman said.

In his research, he found two Americans involved in the organ trade, both as recipients. One woman, around 50, from Washington, D.C., went to Bangladesh with a broker and found a young man, about 23, willing to sell his

kidney. They flew to south India for the surgery.

The other recipient was a Bangladesh-born American from New York.

Federal law allows the government to reimburse living donors for expenses and offers grants to increase donations and improve organ preservation and compatibility. However, it is still illegal to sell or pay for organs.

According to the Michigan Secretary of State, organ donor registrations were 89 percent higher in February 2012 than in the same month last year.

However, there is still a large shortage of organ donors.

Currently 113,828 people await an organ transplant in the United States, including 2,977 in Michigan, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, a non-profit organization in Richmond, Va., that manages the U.S. organ allocation system.

Joel Newman, the network assistant director of communications, said, "There is a great shortage of donated organs. The registries are very important in promoting advance consent for organ donation."

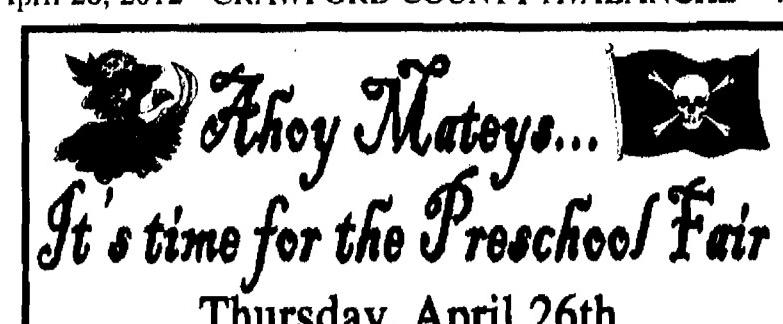
But it may be many years between a donation decision and when that person dies under conditions that would allow donation, Newman said.

He said many people die under circumstances that prevent organ donation, although donation of tissue such as corneas, skin and bone could still be possible.

According to the World Health Organization, the shortage is virtually a universal problem that led to development of the international organ trade.

Also, Moniruzzaman said, "International solutions and penalties should be set up

not only for brokers, recipients but also doctor who did such operations."



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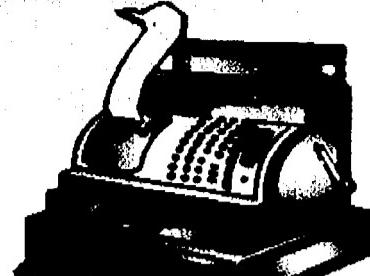
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Immunizing more adults could save lives, dollars

by Sondra Asanova-Taylor

Capital News Service

LANSING — Failure to fully immunize Michigan adults has a staggering impact on job makers and the state economy, according to a new report by the Michigan Primary Care Consortium.

The report, "The Business Case for Full Adult Immunization in Michigan," closely researched the impact of diseases such as pneumonia and influenza. The results show about \$495 million in annual economic costs, including emergency room visits, specialty medical care, lost productivity and absenteeism.

According to the consortium, for every dollar spent on adult immunization, \$18.40 is saved in the workplace and on hospital stays, physician visits and more expensive and lengthy treatments for diseases that would have been easily prevented with vaccination.

Joseph Fortuna, vice president of the consortium, said vaccine-preventable diseases like pneumonia and the flu continue to ravage adults across the state.

"It results in the need for expensive treatment and hospital visits while driving down workplace productivity. Adult immunizations can save lives and boost the economy, but only if they are used," Fortuna said.

The report shows that in Michigan annually, direct costs including unnecessary emergency room and physician visits cost more than \$245 million. Lost productivity, missed work days and other indirect costs account for nearly \$250 million.

According to Fortuna, the consortium conducts training for health care professionals, business and industry leaders and government officials, on strategies to increase adult immunization.

"It is a cultural failure. We think that vaccination is important only for children, but adult immunization is equally important and something government, physicians, health advocates and providers need to set as priority," he said.

Michigan doesn't have a specific adult immunization infrastructure similar to its Vaccine for Children pro-

gram, according to the Department of Community Health.

"We need to pay greater attention to emphasize the importance of adult immunization. Health care providers need to use the best ways to try to demonstrate the economic and health impact of vaccination for their patients," Fortuna said.

According to Angela Minicuci, public information officer at Community Health, lack of public awareness and providers' recommendations for vaccinations result in many missed opportunities.

"Insurance companies should work a better way to provide access to adult vaccination. It can save money, both for the companies and their clients," she said.

In addition, some adults know about vaccinations but believe that the vaccines can harm their health.

Russell Bush, medical director of the Lapeer County Health Department, said misinformation about vaccines occurs due to lack of education.

"There is not enough of a marketing campaign on adult immunization. The cases that record side effects as a result of vaccination don't mean immunization is not useful," he said.

"We need to educate people on the benefits of preventive vaccines," Bush said.

Bush recommends that every adult receive vaccination that protects them from diseases such as pneumonia, influenza, whooping cough,

tetanus and hepatitis.

Bush said the state should concentrate more on increasing funding for health marketing campaigns and making vaccines more available.

Lack of insurance coverage is also a barrier to immunization, according to Community Health.

Suzette Daly, a nurse at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, said the insurance deductible for vaccinations is high and some people think it is not worth it. The agency serves Antrim, Emmet, Charlevoix and Otsego counties.

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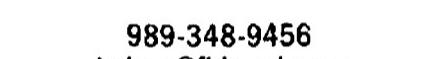
In 2009, medical officers at the agency noticed a rapid increase of whooping cough among adults and a few cases in children who were directly exposed by adults. They provided vaccine to health providers and conducted education and training for the community, and by 2012 significantly reduced the number of sick people.

"Vaccination is the best investment in our health. I encourage our state health agencies, insurance companies, local health care providers and communities to work together to make the vaccines available for everyone and to build strategies to overcome barriers for adult immunization," Daly said.

Currently, Community Health provides a limited amount of vaccine for adults, 19 and older who have no insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover any cost of the vaccine.

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Recreation Fun

Anglers are gearing up for the upcoming trout fishing season, which officially begins on Saturday, April 28. The first day of trout fishing season will also mark the beginning of walleye, pike and muskellunge fishing seasons.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems – two of the most stable systems in the United States – both offer catches of native brook, brown and rainbow trout to the discerning angler.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers, with some areas designated for “flies only” and several miles of the AuSable River for “catch and release.” The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season. Afternoon hatch, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the “Hex” hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

Crawford County – like many other areas in the state of Michigan – has a variety of pathways and trails for bicy-

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Grayling High School to Hartwick Pines State Park gives bicyclists an opportunity to ride on a smooth, paved surface.

Hartwick Pines, like many other parks in Michigan, has several trails for bicycling. Hartwick Pines State Park's trails include: Aspen Trail (3 miles), Weary Legs Trail (7.5 miles) and Deer Run Trail (5 miles). A list of trails and pathways at other state parks and state forest campgrounds is available at the DNR's Web site: www.michigan.gov/parksandtrails/.

The DNR is committed to promoting responsible mountain biking. Our goal is to find the appropriate balance between access and natural resource protection,” the DNR states on its Web site.

The upper AuSable and Manistee rivers in the Grayling area offer some of the finest canoeing in the midwestern United States. These cool, clear, world-renowned trout streams move along at a steady, gentle rate through mixed pine and hardwood forests.

A day on the river is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's great outdoors. It is not unusual to see deer, mink, otter, beavers, ducks, wild turkeys, a great blue heron or, occasionally, a bald eagle, while on your canoe trip.

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from two to six hours, as well as overnight canoeing and camping trips. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds strategically located at various points along the rivers. Canoe liveries will help you plan your trip, if needed.

The Grayling area has both trails and pathways for bicyclists. Hanson Hills Recreation Area has an extensive trail system for those who prefer natural terrain. The Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, a pathway that runs from Hanson Hills to

stands in May and runs until late September or early October. Some liveries will accommodate customers at anytime of the year. Each livery has its own rates, requirements and restrictions.

Summer weekends can be

very busy at area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are recommended.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately. It's a good idea to bring an extra sweatshirt, rain gear, or a change of clothing in a secure, plastic bag. Visitors should also remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days.

All liveries ask that canoeists do not bring glass bottles or styrofoam coolers.

“We have a wonderful natural resource in our rivers,” according to one local canoe livery. “They belong to all of us and must be respected and taken care of by all of us. Keep litter in your canoes and use the landings provided so this wonderful canoeing experience can be shared by all.”

What is disc golf? It's a growing sport. Players throw discs from designated tee areas into round metal baskets that have chains hanging inside. The chains stop the disc and allow it to fall into the cage's basket (the “hole”).

Like regular golf, the goal is to get the disc into the basket in as few throws as possible; also, like regular golf, each hole has a designated par score. Players use different discs depending on distance; some discs are “drivers” for long distance, some are “putters” for short distance, and some are designed for middle distance. It's also possible to just use one disc for the entire round.

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Centerfielder Marilyn Jankowski fields a ground ball vs. Harbor Springs.



Shortstop Meagan Malm tags a runner out near second base on Tuesday.



Kara Malm throws a pitch vs. the Rams on Tuesday.

Softball team wins 10-9, 11-1 vs. Harbor Springs

Vikings move to 4-0 in league play with Tuesday's victories

The Grayling Vikings improved their record in league play to 4-0 with two victories vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams during a varsity softball double-header on Tuesday night.

Grayling won 10-9 in the first game of the series.

Harbor Springs scored two runs in the top of the first inning with back to back solo home runs.

The Vikings scored one run in the bottom of the first inning. Madi Juntila walked and scored on an RBI-groundout by Caitlin Prosser.

The Rams scored one run in the top of the third. Grayling scored twice in the bottom of the inning; Prosser drove in Hannah Golnick, and Juntila scored on an RBI-single by Meagan Malm.

The score was tied at 3-3.

Both teams scored one run in the fourth. For Grayling, Andrea Malm doubled and eventually scored on an RBI-groundout by Golnick.

It was 4-4 after four.

The Vikings scored four times in the bottom of the fifth after holding Harbor Springs scoreless in its half of the inning. Prosser singled and scored, M. Malm

doubled and scored, Marilyn Jankowski walked and scored, and Jensen Stephan doubled and scored.

Grayling led 8-4.

Harbor Springs rallied for five runs in the top of the sixth (final) inning. The Rams led 9-8.

In the bottom of the sixth, with one out, Stephan singled to score Prosser and Malm, ending the game. GHS won 10-9.

Stephan was 2 for 3, including a double, with four RBIs and one run scored. M. Malm was 2 for 4 with a double, two RBIs, and two runs scored. Prosser was 1 for 4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. A. Malm was 1 for 2 with a double and one run scored. Juntila was 1 for 3 with two runs scored. Jankowski was 1 for 3 with one run scored. Cierra Prosser was 1 for 3.

Kara Malm and A. Malm pitched for Grayling in the contest.

Grayling won 11-1 in game two (in five innings).

The Vikings scored three in the third, three in the fourth, and five in the fifth, ending the contest by mercy rule (10-run lead after five innings).

Golnick was 2 for 3 with



First baseman Jensen Stephan catches a pop-up in the infield during last Tuesday's league game against Harbor Springs.

one run scored. Ca. Prosser was 1 for 2 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Juntila was 1 for 3 with two runs scored. M. Malm was 1 for 3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Jankowski was 1 for 2 with one run scored and one stolen base. Ci. Prosser was 1 for 3. Makayla Cragg had one RBI.

M. Malm pitched for GHS in game two. She had eight strikeouts.



Lindsey Johnson hits the ball for Grayling during last Tuesday's series.



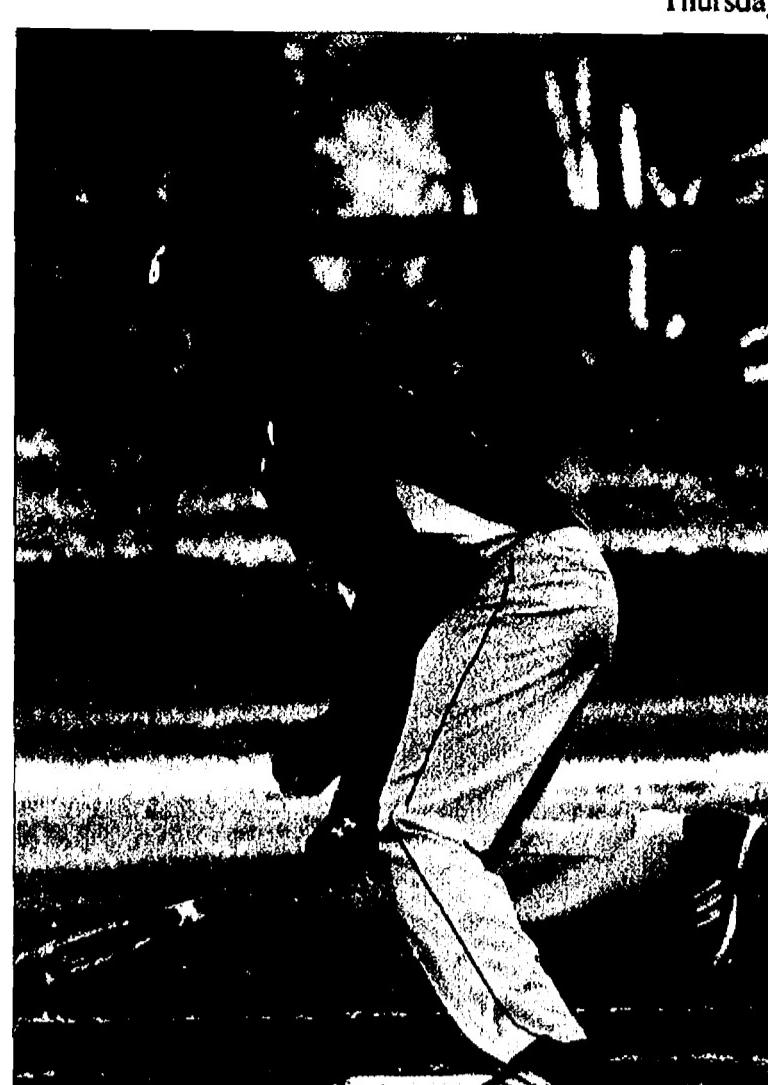
Second baseman Cierra Prosser gets set during a pitch on Tuesday night.



Caitlin Prosser hits a pitch vs. the Harbor Springs Rams last week.



Kevin Harris runs from second base to third during Tuesday's game against the Rams.



Michael Branch hits the ball during last week's league series vs. Harbor Springs.

Vikings sweep Hornets in baseball series at Harrison

Grayling posts one loss, one tie in league games vs. Rams

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team swept the Harrison Hornets 6-1, 5-2 in a nonconference doubleheader played at Harrison High School on Thursday.

Levi Korneli was the winning pitcher for Grayling in game one, a 6-1 victory.

"Levi had a no-hitter going until the last batter, but gave up a hit before the batter was thrown out at second. He recorded nine strikeouts," Coach Bret Krabill said.

Kevin Harris and Michael Branch scored twice and Cam Wilson and Korneli also scored. Branch, Justice Junntila, Wilson, Ty Jensen, and Joey Latusek all drove

in a run.

"In game two Junntila picked up his first career win as a pitcher and hit his first varsity home run. Zach Schreiber earned the save. All in all, the guys played well. We stole a lot of bases and some guys were able to put the bat on the ball. This shows the depth we have at pitching this year. We still need to work on eliminating walks and keeping our focus during the game. Next week we play a few tough teams and will need to be on our game in order to compete," Coach Krabill said.

On Tuesday Grayling posted one loss and one tie vs. Harbor Springs in a league series played at

GHS.

The Rams won 4-1 in game one.

"In game one we struggled to get the bats going. They had a great pitcher and he was able to mix his pitches very well," Coach Krabill said.

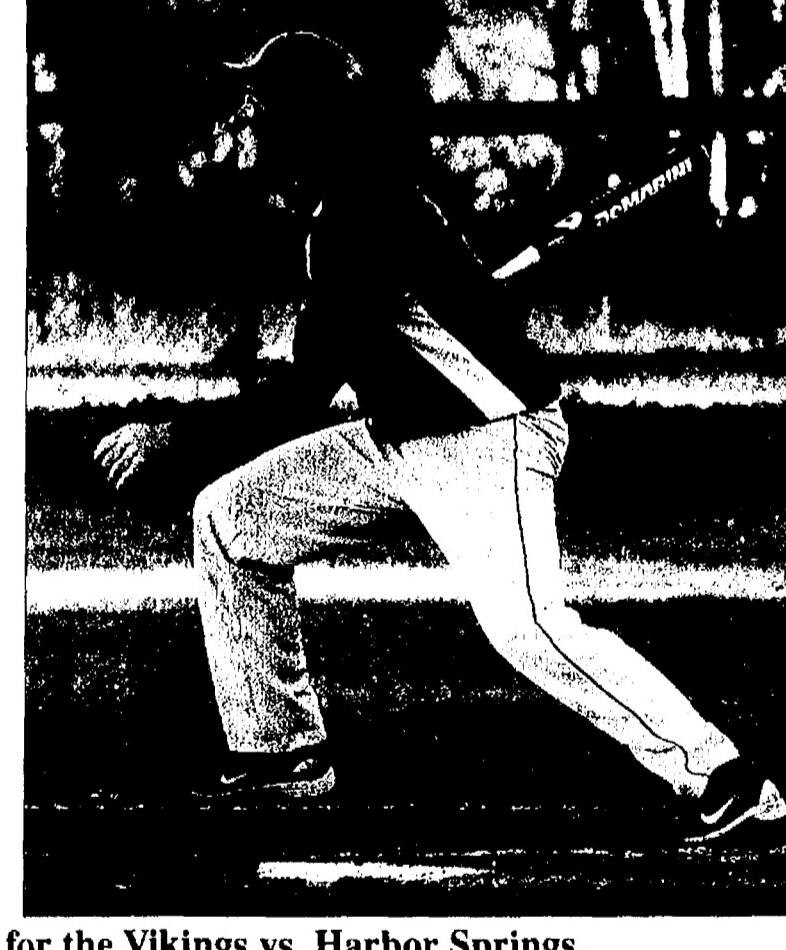
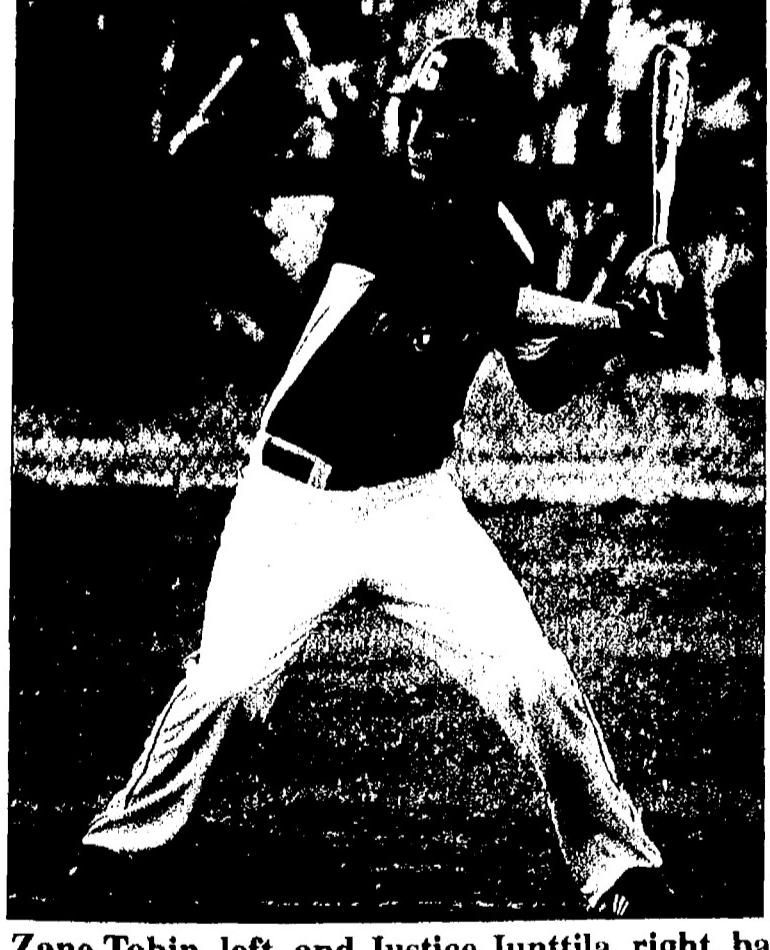
Zane Tobin scored the only run off a lead-off double in the fifth; Branch drove him in. Harris also had a hit.

The two teams tied 3-3 in the second game of the series.

"In game two it was a strong pitching effort by Jensen and Harris to keep us in the game. We were down 2-3 going into the last inning. They brought their

stud pitcher to close it out but we managed to push a run across to get the tie. Harris, Branch, and Junntila all scored, with Justice driving in a run," Coach Krabill said. "We played okay ball, but we need to start limiting the runs we give up in the first couple innings. At the start of the year, I thought Harbor was going to be the team to beat, and they lived up to the billing. Give our guys credit; we competed with them and still haven't played our best ball."

Grayling (6-5-1 overall, 1-2-1 league) will host Cheboygan on Thursday, April 26, at 4 p.m.



Zane Tobin, left, and Justice Junntila, right, bat for the Vikings vs. Harbor Springs.

Hanson Hills Disc Golf

The Hanson Hills Disc Golf Club is holding leagues every Wednesday night at Hanson Hills. There are four divisions: Open, Recreation, Beginner, and Women's.

4/18 Results (Division, Name, Score, Place)

Open Division

Ben Jones, 51, 1st

Beginner Division

Jessie Uricek, 60, 1st

Ryan Messerschmidt, 60,

2nd

Jon Handy, 62, 3rd

Nick Terry, 63, 4th

Marvin Smedeman, 64, 5th

Bill Wilson, 68, 6th

Jack VanPutten, 70, 7th

Tim Frisbie, 70, 7th

Troy Winchel, 71, 9th

Recreation Division

Wesley Willoughby, 53,

1st

Kris Minnick, 53, 2nd

John Sauro, 54, 3rd

William Ryan, 56, 4th

Doug Slater, 60, 5th

Andy Czuba, 61, 6th

Justin Farnsworth, 62, 7th

Rich Doe, 63, 8th

A.J. Brackenbury, 65, 9th

Women's Division

Ashley Johnson, 76, 1st

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Andrea Malm pitches for GHS during game one of Thursday's doubleheader.



Second baseman Cierra Prosser flips the ball to first after fielding a grounder.



Meagan Malm winds up for a pitch during game two of the Harrison series.

Vikings fall to Hornets at Harrison

The GHS varsity softball team lost both games of a doubleheader at Harrison, a nonconference opponent, on Thursday night.

Harrison won 10-0 in game one. The Hornets

scored eight runs in the second inning. Harrison's pitcher posted 11 strikeouts.

Marilyn Jankowski was 1 for 3 with a double in the contest. Caitlin Prosser was 1 for 3.

The two teams played four full innings in a rain-shortened game two. Harrison had a 13-4 advantage after four innings.

Meagan Malm was 1 for 2 with a double, two RBIs, and one run scored for the Vikings. Madi Juntila was 1 for 2 with a double and one run scored. Prosser walked twice, scored a run, and had one stolen base. Andrea Malm had one RBI and

Hannah Golnick scored one run.

The team's league doubleheader slated for Friday at Traverse City St. Francis was rained out. The series has been rescheduled for

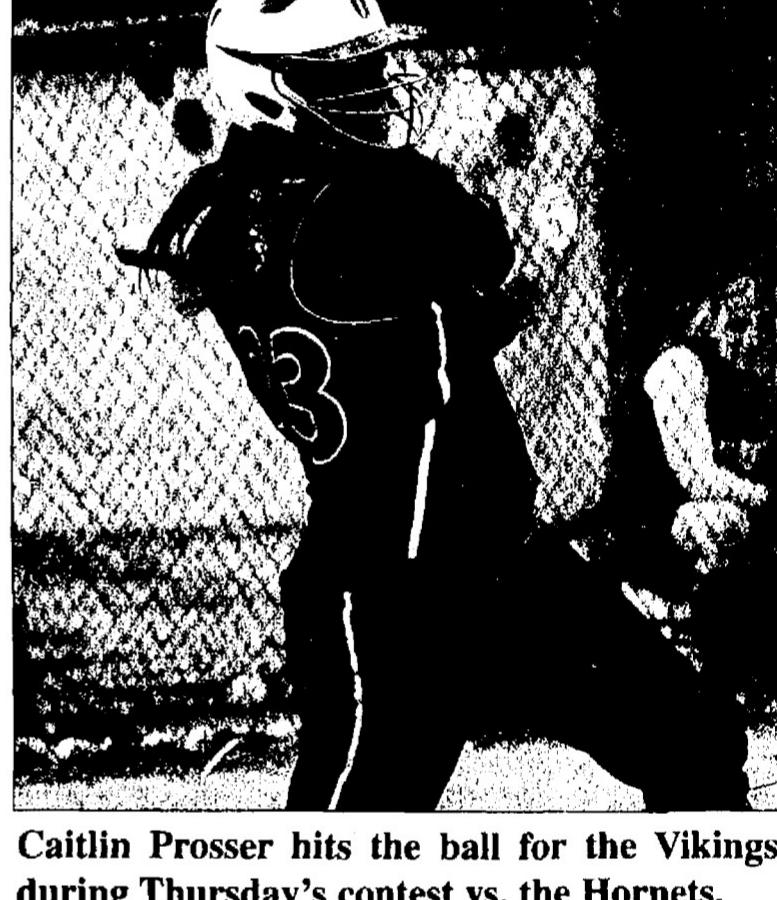
Tuesday, May 22. Grayling (7-5 overall, 4-0 league) will host Cheboygan at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.



Hannah Golnick bats for the Vikings at Harrison on Thursday.



Madi Juntila leads off at third base for Grayling at Harrison.



Caitlin Prosser hits the ball for the Vikings during Thursday's contest vs. the Hornets.

Legal Action

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy W Akin and Jessica L Akin, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagor, dated July 24, 2008, and recorded on August 1, 2008 in Liber 692 on Page 562, and assigned by said Mortgagor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 85/100 Dollars (\$143,881.85).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Livingston Acres, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale,

Dated: April 5, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peggy J. Walther, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagor, dated January 15, 2000, and recorded on February 2, 2000 in Liber 500 on Page 584, and assigned by mesne assignments to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 73/100 Dollars (\$80,167.73).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 23, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 13, Thence South 0 degrees 41 minutes East (along the North-South 1/4 line) 730.70 feet, Thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East 650 feet to point of beginning, Thence continuing North 89 degrees 31 minutes East 134 feet, Thence South 0 degrees 41 minutes East 124.34 feet, Thence South 64 degrees 11 minutes West 148.02 feet, Thence North 0 degrees 41 minutes West 187.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 19, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

Dated: April 12, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew O. Edwards and Tarina M. Edwards, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated June 22, 2006, and recorded on July 5, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 226, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Three and 14/100 Dollars (\$48,063.14).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 referred to as the Southeast corner of State Highway Park running thence South on the 1/8 line, 16 Rods; thence East par-

allel with North line of tract, 20 Rods to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 370.7 feet to right-of-way, State Highway No. 76; thence Southeast along highway line 150 feet to a point 374 feet South of the North line of said tract thence West parallel with said North line 474.4 feet; thence North 110 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 5, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Gilliam, married and Raylene E. Gilliam, original mortgagor(s), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded on December 18, 2001 in Liber 563 on Page 529, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine and 60/100 Dollars (\$67,529.60).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19, running thence South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 2318.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 331.23 feet to the East 1/4 corner; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West along East-West 1/4 line, 1318.1 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes West along 1/8 line, 332.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds East, 1318.18 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 5, 2012
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by MICHAEL G. LACHAPPELLE as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated September 10, 2009, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford

County, Michigan, on September 14, 2009, in Liber 697 at Page 431, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$123,965.71, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.75 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: All that part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying South of Highway M-72 and M-93, and West of the AuSable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Fractional NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 18, T 26N, R3W; thence N 89°14'E on the North line of said Section 350.0 feet for a place of beginning; thence S 0°14'E parallel with West line of Section 500.0 feet; thence N 89°16'30"E 702.95 feet to the West one-eighth line of Section 18; thence N 2°00'E on the one-eighth line 501.1 feet to the Northeast corner of Fractional NW 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence S 89°14'W on Section line 722.45 feet to the place of beginning; being a part of the Fractional NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, of Section 18, T26N, R3W.

PARCEL 3: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence 250 feet due South; thence 350 feet due East; thence 250 feet due North; thence 350 feet due West to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

PARCEL 4: Commencing 250 feet South of the Northwest corner, thence South 250 feet; thence East 350 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence West 350 feet to Point of Beginning. Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagor, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagor, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 26, 2012
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
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903 N. Jackson Street
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-12-19-26-3

Notice

Notice of Borrower's Rights Under Michigan Foreclosure Statute Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage ("Mortgage") made by Michael D. Dreasky and Kay M. Osowski, husband and wife, ("Borrowers") against the property located at 5925 Suzanne Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, given to United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, having its principal offices at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO 63120, ("USDA"). Notice is hereby given that Borrower has the right to request a meeting on or before May 29, 2012 with USDA's designated agent to attempt to work out a loan modification to avoid foreclosure. The name and phone number of USDA's designated agent is Mark Schwartz, Supervisor, Foreclosure

Centralization Section Rural Development, US Department of Agriculture, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO 63120-1703, (800) 349-5097 Ext. 5454. Borrower may also contact a housing counselor who may accompany Borrower to any meeting with USDA's designated agent. A list of housing counselors approved by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) can be found at http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/ or by calling (517) 373-8370. If Borrower requests a meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not begin until 90 days after April 26, 2012. If Borrower and USDA reach an agreement to modify the loan and Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement, the Mortgage will not be foreclosed. Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. The telephone number for Legal Services of Northern Michigan is 888-645-9993. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Pub Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012 Michael J. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, MI 49685-0686 (04-26)

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NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY M. KLAYO and STACEY L. KLAYO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagor, dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on January 12, 2006, in Document No. R0013724, Liber 679, on Page 411, and assigned by said mortgagor to GMAC Mortgage, LLC SBM TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$110,653.38), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 16, 2012. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the North boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and the center line of the County Road known as Old M-93; thence Southwesterly along said centerline 270.50 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence Northwesterly 183.00 feet; thence Southwesterly 150.00 feet; thence Southeasterly 183.00 feet; thence Northeasterly along said road 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: April 12, 2012
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File No. 682.0462
(04-12)(05-03)

Thursday, April 26, 2012 - CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE - 15

COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE) 1314.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE NORTH 1 / 8 LINE) 1284.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE WEST 1 / 8 LINE) 658.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 332 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 1091.58 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 60 FEET TO THE RIGHT BANK OF THE USABLE RIVER; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 128.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 117.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 955.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 171.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 4/26/2012 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-

R3 Assignee of Mortgagor Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-59712 (04-26)(05-17)

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

(ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert O. Cosgray and Catherine M. Cosgray, husband and wife as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns dated the 19th day of December, 2008, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of December, 2008, in Liber 694, Page 216 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$69,850.67 (sixty-nine thousand eight hundred fifty and 67/100) plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, 2012, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Frederic, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows: Situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: Lot 42, Manistee River Woods, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 149 Tamarack Circle Tax Parcel No.: 032-300-000-042-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 28, 2005 and recorded February 28, 2005 in Liber 673 Page 967 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R3 by assignment dated March 28, 2012 and subsequently recorded in Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$64,356.19) including interest 6.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 16, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 116, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AU SABLE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: April 12, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

File No. 682.0462

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHARLES R. FORD and JANE E. FORD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagor, dated October 3, 2002, and recorded on November 14, 2002, in Liber 607, on Page 197, and assigned by said mortgagor to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$166,967.12), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 16, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL D: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SOUTH BROWN TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 149 Tamarack Circle Tax Parcel No.: 032-300-000-042-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 19, 2012 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10085471 (04-19)(05-10)

-19-26-3-10

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Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 27, 1989 - The Viking band will host 26 high school bands this weekend for a state festival.

23 Years Ago April 27, 1989

In the early morning hours of April 17, deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department arrested two men for the crime of Larceny over \$100, a felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment. The two suspects in custody had cut through the fence at the Ammunition Supply Point at Camp Grayling and then taken several expended artillery casings out through the hole they had cut.

All American Rodney Patterson, center, had his football number at GHS retired at a banquet on Friday, April 21. Mike Branch, GHS athletic director and Bill Klinger, Patterson's head football coach at GHS, retired Patterson's number in honor of his play at GHS and his performance at Hillsdale College that earned him All-American honors.

46 Years Ago April 28, 1966

Three fires broke out Monday in the county, one from smoldering brush piles on the power line extension near Four Mile Road and the Stephan Bridge Road fire which burned over about seven tenths of an acre it was

estimated by Fire Officer Annis and quickly brought under control. Two other grass fires developed one at 1:20 p.m. Monday, spreading from a trash burner near the Don Sherwin home on Island Park Drive and another at 3:45 p.m. behind the John Bruun and Jack Alef homes on AuSable Trail from children playing with matches, with no damage reported on these fires.

The Grayling High School golf team opened its 1966 home season last Friday with the varsity dropping a 14 - 7 decision to a very good Petoskey St. Francis team. Dale Slusser and Fenn Welch each picked up three points for the Vikings, while Paul King got one. Slusser's 84 was low

score for Grayling.

Students from the Junior Band did very well at the Junior High Solo and Ensemble contest that was held in Mancelona on April 16. Betty Konvicka, James Beckwith and Gary Ashman received II division ratings for their performances.

69 Years Ago April 29, 1943

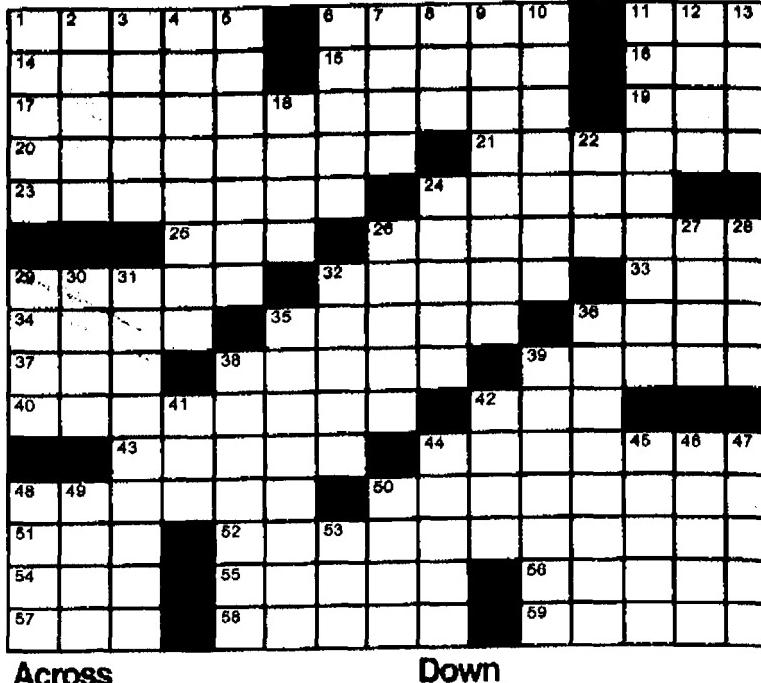
The City Fire Department had a busy weekend making runs to fires, the first of which was Saturday noon when a dog house and part of a wood shed was damaged at the Melvin Marshall home. The same day at 5 p.m. the department was called to the home of Adam Bielski. Fire crept along the grass from a bonfire to the house and up along side to the gable, damaging the place to the extent of \$100. Easter Sunday at 11 a.m., the Airplane Spotters tower was destroyed and the roof of the city's No. 2 pump house was burned off. The fire is believed to have originated from a short in the light wires.

92 Years Ago April 29, 1920

Phillip Zalsman offers a \$25 reward for information as to who speared two very large rainbow trout at the hatchery.

Miss Isobelle Larson is assisting in the Avalanche office, learning the art of printing.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Breeding stallions
- Caught a glimpse of
- Breviloquent
- Ancient city NW of Carthage
- Instructive
- Go outside for a short time (2 wds)
- Carps, for one
- A Swiss army knife has lots of them
- Checkers, e.g.
- Microorganisms
- Jacks are wild (2 wds)
- Disconcert
- Aim
- Belt
- Dispatched
- Colo. neighbor
- Colored warning flare
- Romeo's rival
- Brio
- Blowgun ammo
- Russian emperor
- Baptism, for one
- Short accounts of humorous incidents
- Merry-go-round figure, to a child
- Collapse (2 wds)
- Island SE of Australia
- In sum
- Non-running footracers
- Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
- Defensive spray
- King protectors
- Getting on
- Perfect, e.g.
- Garden tool
- Page
- Lamp
- High school dance
- Australian runner
- More profoundly wise

Down

- Unmixed lineage
- Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.
- Member of strict Orthodox Jewish sect
- King
- Brass component
- "M*A*S*H" setting
- Boris Godunov, for one
- Absorbed, as a cost
- Cliffside dwelling
- "It's All Velvet" (Mel Torme autobiography)
- Showing no regard for danger
- More, in Madrid
- Remarkable thing
- Shaped like an open hand
- Drunk, in slang
- Goods
- Dig in!
- Excessively arrogant
- "The Three Faces of ___"
- Sprite flavor
- Dentist's direction
- de deux
- "Along the Mohawk," novel
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(PUZZLE #A4 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.73)

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

THE GREAT BURRITO STACK

Ingredients:

1 can (16 oz.) Refried Beans
1/2 cup Thick 'N Chunky Medium Salsa
1/2 cup rinsed canned black beans
1 tsp. chili powder
4 whole wheat tortillas (8 inch)

1 cup Shredded Three Cheese
1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed
5 green onions, thinly sliced
1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
2 Tbsp. Sour Cream

Directions:

HEAT oven to 425°F.

MIX first 4 ingredients until well blended; spread onto tortillas. Place 1 tortilla in 13x9-inch dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with 1/4 each of the cheese, corn and onions. Repeat layers 3 times; cover.

BAKE 25 to 28 min. or until heated through.

TOP with tomatoes and sour cream. Cut into wedges.

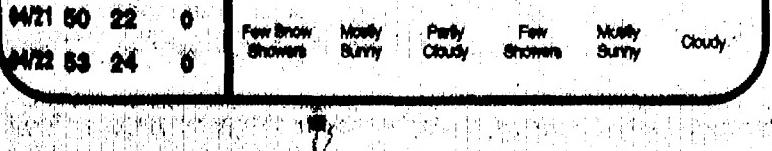
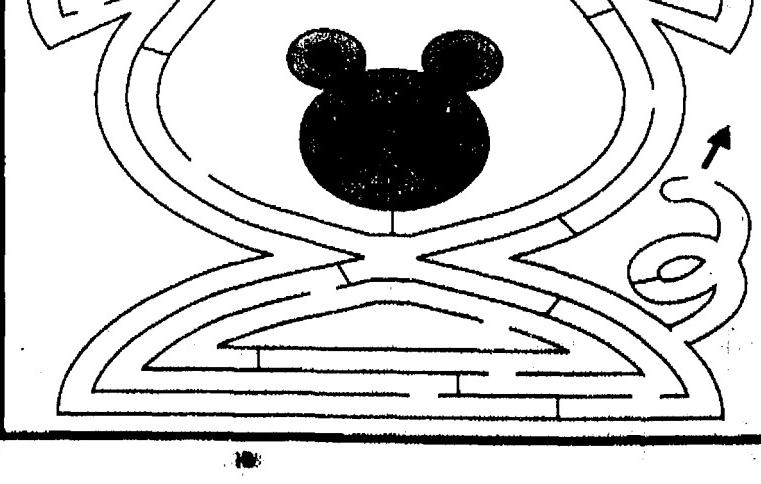
Special Extra
Garnish with fresh cilantro just before serving.

Prep Time: 20 min

Total Time: 48 min

Makes: 4 servings

MAZE



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week Rain inches

Monday 64 27 0.01

Tuesday 44 24 0

Wednesday 59 28 0.14

Thursday 59 38 0.06

Friday 39 25 0.23

Saturday 50 22 0

Sunday 53 24 0

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3. Employment

NOW HIRING at Grayling Restaurant experienced cooks only. Apply in person. (-19-26/3)

WANTED BARTENDER apply in person at Two Track Inn after 4 p.m., 3997 E. M-72, Grayling. (-19-26/3)

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LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

SPRING CLEANUPS, irrigation start ups and repairs. A+ Lawn Care, LLC is here to take care of your landscape maintenance needs. Call or e-mail for a free estimate. 989-390-5880, www.aplc.us. (-22-29-5-12-19-26/4)

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5. For Sale

GPA FASHION SHOW at St. Mary's, May 12, noon. - 3. Tickets \$18. Pre-sold tickets only. (-26-3-10/tf/5)

7. Miscellaneous

Signs, Banners & Lettering Of All Kinds

4. Services Offered

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BACHMANN & THOMAS DETAILING SHOP Trucks, cars, boats, campers. 10376 Roscommon Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. Cell 989-350-6722 or 989-275-1400. (-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-3-10-17-24-31-14-21-28/4)

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EMPTY 55 GALLON BARRELS for sale - \$25 - Fick & Sons - 113 Fig St - 348-7647. (-4/5/12/tf/5)

TREE SEEDLING SALE

Saturday, April 28, 1-3 p.m. Limited supply of evergreens, hardwoods & wildlife shrubs. Also native wildflower bulbs & fruit/vegetable cuttings. Firemen's Training/County Fair Grounds, 290 Ballenger Rd., Roscommon. Conservation District at 989-275-3168. (-12-19-26/5)

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

\$60/face cord hardwood. Buying standing timber or down timber. 2 cord minimum. No checks. 10 cord \$500 - delivered. Marty 989-390-3930. (-19-26-3-10/5)

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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE/LEMON-ADE STAND Saturday, April 28, 4901 Dawn Dr., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (-26/10)

GARAGE SALE Thursday & Friday April 26 & 27, 9 - 4, 801 S. AuSable Trail. (-26/10)

HORNUNG ESTATE AUCTION! April 29, 10 a.m., 3960 E. Thendara Ct. Gladwin, MI. John Deere Ind. gas tractor, JD lawn/garden tractors, pull behind & push mowers, lawn vac systems, implements & related, sprayer, chipper, alum. boat, shop, garden & landscape equipment, tools & much more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-26/10)

10. Garage Sales

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10. Garage Sales

ESTATE/ SPORTSMAN AUCTION! April 28, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio, MI. Furniture, kitchenware, sterling flatware, china, household, military, vintage photos, sportsman, marble arms, knives, hand & long guns, animal mounts, garage/outside, cruisemaster 32' motor home, car dolly, Cub Cadet zero turn mower, '64 MF tractor, hay wagon, canoe, paddle boat & much more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-26/10)

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Environmental education combats 'nature deficit disorder' among children

by Sam Inglot

Capital News Service

LANSING — By the age of 5, the average child will have watched as many hours of television as the classroom time it takes to earn a college degree.

"In essence, a 5-year-old has the equivalent of a college degree in television watching," said Tom Occhipinti, the environmental education coordinator for the Department of Environmental Quality. "The youngest generation today is not getting outdoors at all. They've got too much indoors to keep them busy."

Occhipinti's program produces environment-related teaching materials for schools across the state.

Television, computers and video games keep young people inside at an unhealthy rate, Occhipinti said. Studies have linked the lack of outdoor activities to health problems such as obesity.

To address what is sometimes referred to as "nature deficit disorder," there are teaching supplements that integrate more outdoor education — or "place-based education" — into schools.

Getting more children to spend more time outside is a state, regional and national effort, he said.

Place-based education is about reestablishing connections with the outdoors, said Mark Stephens, an East Lansing hub coordinator for

the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative.

The initiative, established in 2007, has eight regional "hubs" around Michigan. It partners with schools and community residents to expand environmental education and stewardship through hands-on projects.

Students have done everything from build wood duck boxes for zoos to participate in stream velocity management projects to clean up riverbanks and storm drains. Such cross-curricular projects are intertwined with core education subjects like math and social studies.

The hubs get children outside working on projects that they learn from and that also benefits the community. In addition to East Lansing, they are in Flint, Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Hancock, Alpena, Ypsilanti and Muskegon.

Funding comes from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, an organization that provides financial support to nonprofits and educators to preserve Great Lakes fishery resources.

Stephens coordinates the GRAND Learning Network hub. The name stands for Grand River and Nature Discovery, and it focuses on the Grand River watershed region.

The efforts in Michigan are unique Stephens said, "There are no other states that do what we do. We're trying to change the culture of schools and it's really catching on and gaining steam."

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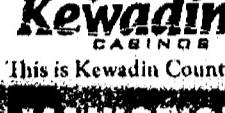
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Soccer team wins 4-1 vs. Oscoda

The Grayling Vikings played three varsity girls soccer matches last week, winning a nonconference game vs. Oscoda on Tuesday and losing two league contests.

The Vikings started the week with an 8-0 loss at Elk Rapids on Monday night.

"Elk Rapids outplayed us," Coach Craig Cobb said.

Grayling goalkeeper Emily Wingard had 20 saves.

On Tuesday Grayling

won 4-1 in a home game vs. Oscoda.

"We came out and played well. We hustled, got to the ball first, and struck first blood with Courtney Hatfield running toward for the far post, receiving a cross, and knocked it in," Coach Cobb said.

Grayling led 1-0 at halftime. Oscoda scored first in the second half, tying the game at 1-1.

"Not too long after the second half kickoff Oscoda responded with a goal. From this point on we took over the game, scoring three

more goals," Coach Cobb said. "Overall we controlled the tempo of the game, were first to the ball, and passed well. I was very happy with the way the ladies played. It was a good win."

Hannah Haven had two goals and one assist. Shelby Pippin had one goal and one assist. Tabatha Watkins had one assist. Wingard had eight saves.

Grayling lost 4-1 vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams on Thursday.

"Harbor used their speed to put two goals in, in the first half. They extended

that lead in the second half by putting two more away," Coach Cobb said.

Shelby Pippin scored

Grayling's only goal on a

corner kick by Alyssa

Morley. Wingard had 13

saves.

"Overall I am happy with how our girls played," Coach Cobb said. "It didn't come out the way we wanted; however, I am seeing great strides in our teamwork and level of play."

The Vikings (2-3 overall, 0-3 league) will play at Kalkaska at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.

Golf team wins opener vs. league opponents

The GHS boys golf team won its season opener on Monday, defeating Harbor Springs and Traverse City St. Francis – both of which are league opponents – during a meet at Boyne Highlands.

Grayling edged Harbor Springs by two strokes, 361-363. St. Francis posted a team score of 372.

Thomas Burrell and Jake

Hinkle both posted scores of 87. Mason Krey had a 92 for Grayling and Louis Menard finished at 95. Dallas Johnson ended the day at 104 and Tyler Summers finished at 115.

"First league contest in very tough weather. Lots of wind and rain. All scores were high," Coach Dan DesEnfants said. "(Thomas)

played a great round, and

JV Vikings post split vs. Harrison

The GHS junior varsity baseball team won one and lost one during a double-header vs. the visiting Harrison Hornets on Thursday night.

Grayling won 7-4 in game one. Adam Brill pitched for Grayling and he finished with 10 strikeouts in five innings.

Danny Schultz had two hits for the Vikings in game

one.

Harrison won game two 9-7.

Brill was 3 for 3 with two RBIs for Grayling.

Grayling posted one loss and one tie during a series at Harbor Springs on Tuesday.

The Rams won 11-3 in game one.

The two teams tied at 4-4 in game two.

"Adam Brill had two hits

Jake played great too. Lots of poise for a freshman. Louis was a key contributor today. His 95 was a solid score from someone we needed on the stat sheet. I've tried to stress to the boys we need four good scores to win, and today was an example of that."

The Vikings will play at Charlevoix on Monday, April 30.

On Friday, April 13, the Vikings hosted the East Jordan Red Devils. The teams split the series.

East Jordan won 9-5 in game one.

Gunner Metzer had a three-run double for the Vikings.

Grayling won 8-6 in game two. Zack Cheney was 2 for 2 with three runs scored. Schultz was 3 for 3 with three runs scored. Brill was 3 for 3 with two RBIs.

The Vikings also posted a series split at Roscommon on Tuesday, April 10.

Grayling won 3-1 in the first game of the double-header.

"Levi Korneli pitched a gem," Coach Mygrants said.

Korneli allowed one run on one hit and two walks while striking out seven.

Cheney and Brill had two hits apiece.

Roscommon won 16-2 in game two.

Cheney had two hits. Schultz also had two hits for GHS.

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